

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Stoy, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR SEPARATING SOLIDS

FROM A SLURRY

Group Art Unit: 1723

Examiner: Reifsnyder, David A.

Attorney Docket No.: X-0150

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Amendment is responsive to the Non-Final Rejection mailed November 4, 2005, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 and Applicants' Remarks begin on page 3. Applicant requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1620, referencing Attorney Docket No. X-0150.

THW